

**Patent claims:**

1. An apparatus for eccentrically cutting veneer slices from at least one flitch

5 by means of a blade and a pusher bar carried on a tool slide that is reciprocal in a horizontal plane and

by means of a beam that is driven to rotate about a horizontal axis parallel to a cutting edge of the blade, means being provided to clamp the flitch against at least one planar support face of the beam;

10 characterized in that means is provided on the beam (12) for moving into position and supporting longitudinal edge regions (25) of the flitch (16) projecting past the support face (15).

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the means for supporting is formed as support plates (21) having straight longitudinal edges forming support surfaces.

15 3. The apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the means for supporting is connected to a control system for the cutting operation so that they are movable during the cutting operation.

20 4. The apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that each longitudinal edge of the support surface (15) of the log bar (12) has at least one rotatable shaft (23) on which the support means are mounted.

5. The apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 4,  
characterized in that the means for supporting is provided with at  
least one actuator.

6. The apparatus according to claim 5, characterized in  
5 that the drives are hydraulic cylinders (24).